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1. 1. adjuvant

Definition:

1. In pharmacology, a substance that, when added to a medicine, speeds or improves its action.
2. In immunology, a substance that is added to a vaccine to improve the immune response so that less vaccine is needed to produce more antibodies. Such adjuvants apparently work by speeding the division of lymphocytes and by keeping the antigen in the area where the immune response is taking place. In research with humans, aluminum phosphate and aluminum hydroxide gel are commonly used; in research involving lab animals, Freund's adjuvant is used.

2. adjuvant therapy

Definition:

Cancer treatment that involves surgery followed by additional treatment with chemotherapy drugs and/or radiation to reduce the risk that the cancer will return.

3. Freund's adjuvant

Definition:

The complete version of this immunostimulating adjuvant contains heat-killed tuberculosis bacteria emulsified in white mineral oil. It is used in immunological research involving lab animals, but not in humans, since it could cause allergic responses or autoimmune problems. The bacterial cells are omitted in the incomplete version of the adjuvant.

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adjuvant (ad'joo-vănt)

1. A substance added to a drug product formulation that affects the action of the active ingredient in a predictable way.
2. In immunology, a vehicle used to enhance antigenicity; *e.g.*, a suspension of minerals (alum, aluminum hydroxide, or phosphate) on which antigen is adsorbed; or water-in-oil emulsion in which antigen solution is emulsified in mineral oil (Freund incomplete adjuvant), sometimes with the inclusion of killed mycobacteria (Freund's complete adjuvant) to further enhance antigenicity (inhibits degradation of antigen and/or causes influx of macrophages).
3. Additional therapy given to enhance or extend primary therapy's effect, as in chemotherapy's addition to a surgical regimen.
4. A treatment added to a curative treatment to prevent recurrence of clinical cancer from microscopic residual disease.

[L. *ad-juvo*, pres. p. *-juvans*, to give aid to]

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